

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

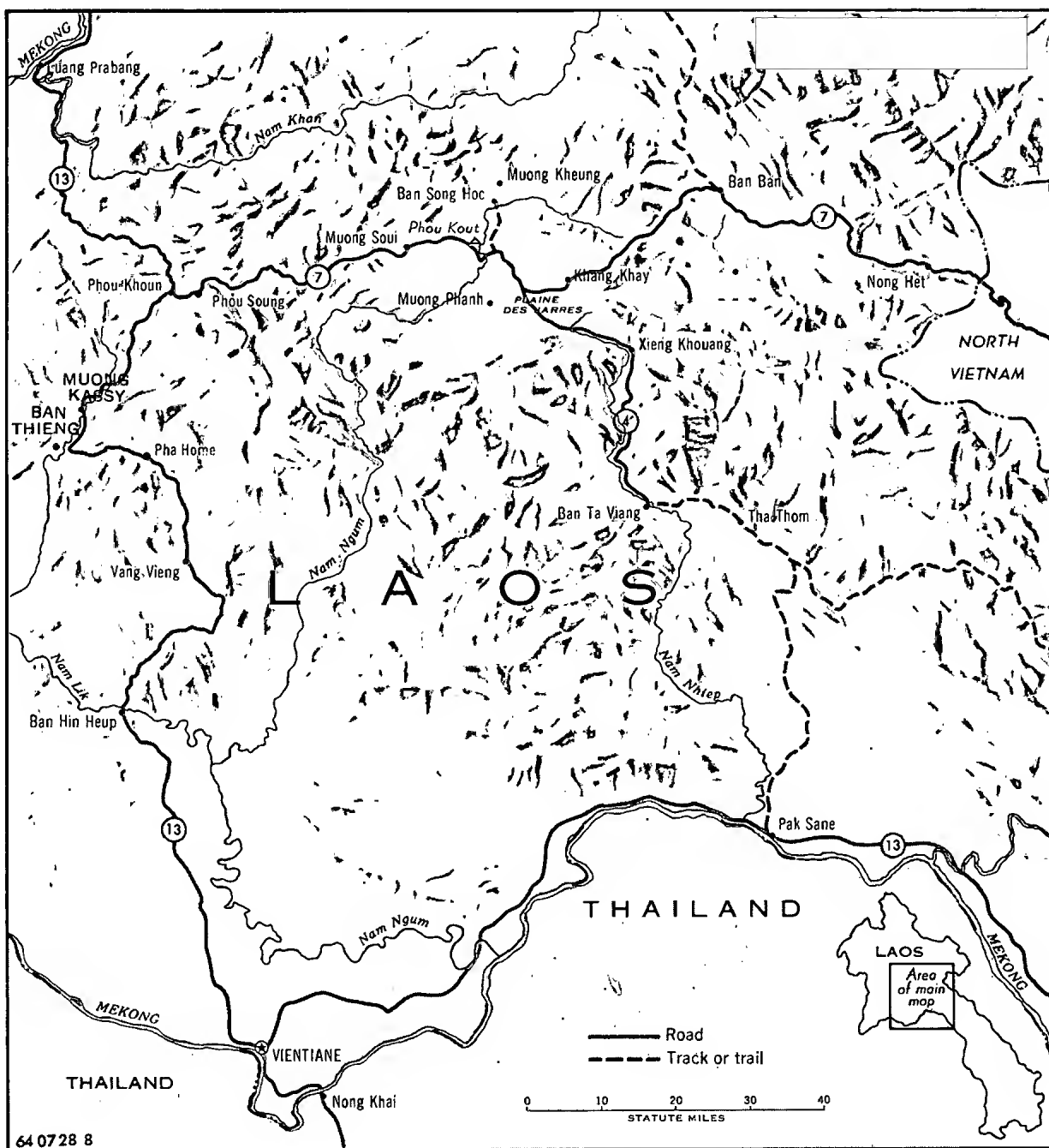
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1. Laos

a. Operation Triangle is proceeding, so far with little enemy resistance. A combined force of rightist and neutralist troops occupied Muong Kassy yesterday almost unopposed.

b. Elsewhere, the situation is little changed from the day before.

c. In Paris, the French are letting it be known that De Gaulle is envisioning a series of Southeast Asia conferences, leading up to a settlement in Vietnam.

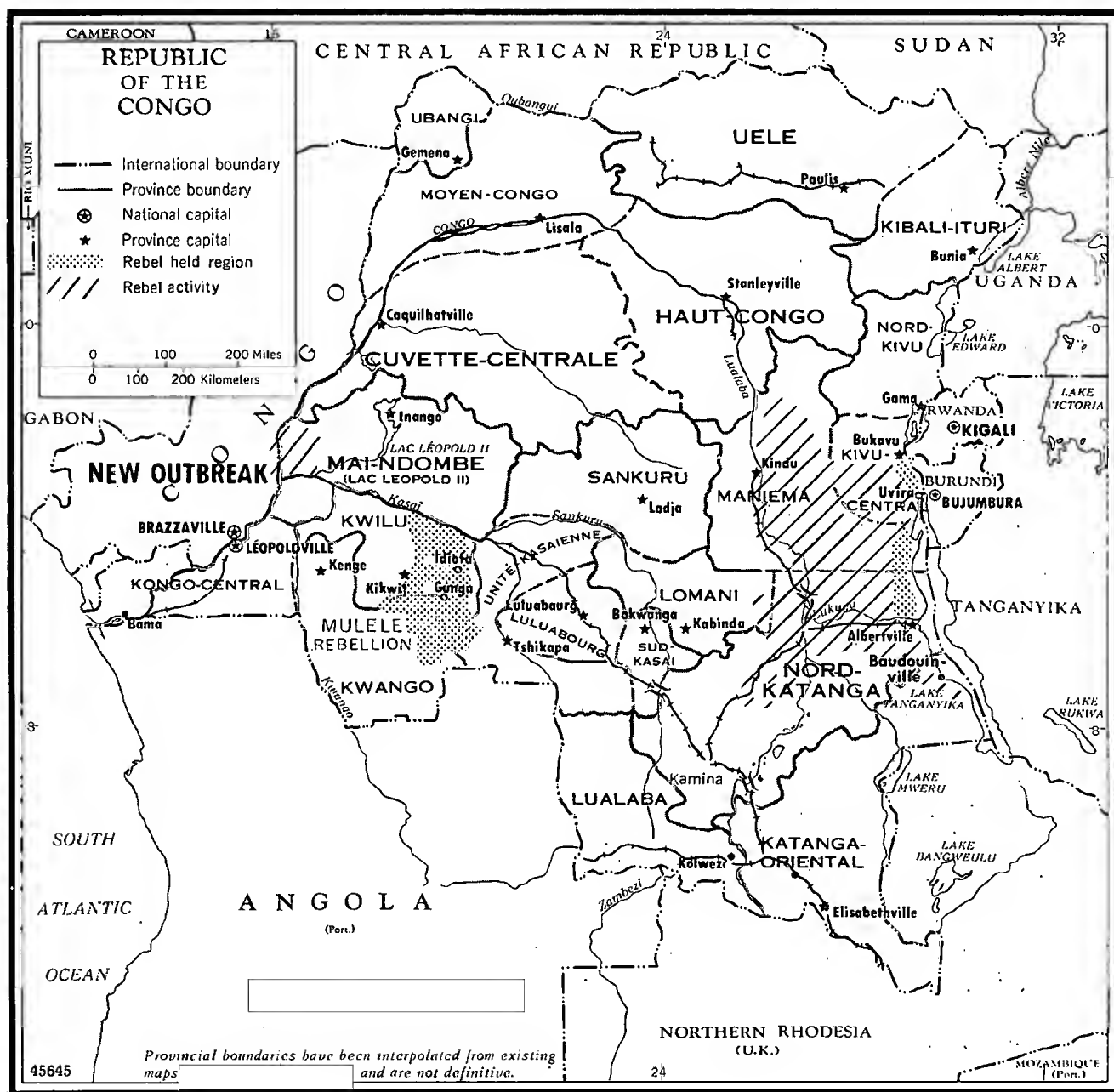
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2. Cyprus

a. Makarios is taking an increasingly intransigent line. In Athens yesterday he announced that Dean Acheson's suggestions are "absolutely unacceptable."

b. A Greek Government spokesman earlier has said only that Athens did not intend to "answer" Acheson's proposals immediately. Cyprus radio yesterday broadcast a fairly accurate account of the Acheson memorandum.

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c. The Greek minister of defense, who participated in recent talks with Makarios, has admitted to Ambassador Labouisse that Athens cannot control Makarios.

d. In Cyprus, no major incidents have been reported. Another Greek ship, probably carrying arms, arrived at Limassol

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3. Congo

a. Rebel groups continue to move into new areas.

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4. Rwanda-Burundi

a. There are signs that Tutsi refugees both in the Congo and Burundi may be preparing to attack Rwanda.

b. Those in the Congo are said to be armed with weapons abandoned in Kivu by Congolese Army deserters. The refugees are probably receiving advice from the Kivu rebels and the Chinese Communist Embassy in Bujumbura.

c. The object of the refugee attacks would presumably be to set off another wave of tribal warfare. In the ensuing confusion, the Tutsis would hope to bring down the Rwanda Government.

5. UK-India

a. The British are urgently preparing to offer naval assistance to India. They have heard that New Delhi has already sounded out the Soviets on getting aid for a naval shipbuilding program.

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b. The British are planning to offer three old frigates, and possibly coastal minesweepers and a submarine. The British will also offer a loan of more than \$36 million for construction in India of three new frigates.

c. It is not entirely clear why Sandys is in such a hurry to put this proposition to the Indians, although it is true that their defense minister is slated to visit Moscow shortly.

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6. India-Pakistan

a. Incidents along the cease-fire line have been unusually frequent in the past two or three weeks, but the situation is not as grave as represented by the press.

b. We have seen no evidence that either side has deliberately tried to stir up trouble.

c. Military units on both sides of the line are usually rotated at this time of year, and we suspect that a good deal of the shooting recently has been by green troops not yet familiar with the terrain or the local ground rules.

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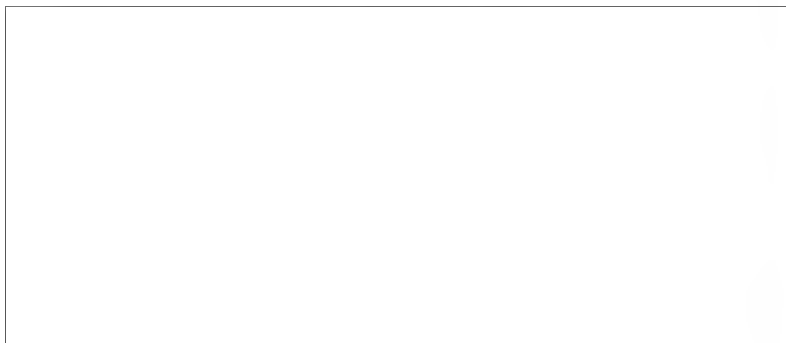
- A. South Vietnam In the second large-scale ambush in three days, a government battalion was way-laid yesterday about 30 miles north of Saigon. Total casualties on both sides in these actions reportedly were heavy. Elsewhere, the Viet Cong in the past few days have been harassing hamlets and outposts, and mining roads, mostly in the south.
- B. China-USSR Peiping's public refusal to go along with Moscow's proposal for an international Communist gathering is clearly a tactic to warn wavering parties that their acquiescence would hasten a Sino-Soviet break. If the Russians convene a "preparatory" meeting of pro-Soviet parties, the Chinese can call it a move toward an open break. But if the Soviets hold off, the Chinese can say they forced a back-down.
- C. West Germany - USSR German officials see no insurmountable obstacles to an Erhard-Khrushchev meeting but think it may not take place until early next year. Adzhubei, in discussing prospects for a conference, disagreed with Erhard that the German reunification question should be on the agenda and that the meeting be in Bonn. He suggested that the two leaders might meet in a third country. The Germans think the next move is Moscow's.

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a. Keyhole mission 1008-1 has shown us a Soviet submarine larger than any we have seen before.

b. Preliminary measurements of the vessel--being launched at a Severodvinsk shipyard on the White Sea near Archangel--indicate 50X1 it may be some 420 feet long.



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